

**CITY OF CENTRAL
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 19, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the City Council for the City of Central was called to order by Mayor Engels at 7:07 p.m., in City Hall on August 19, 2014.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Engels
Alderman Spain
Alderman Gaines
Alderman Heider
Alderman Voorhies

Absent: None

Staff Present: City Manager Miera
City Clerk Bechtel
Utilities/PW Superintendent Griffith
Fire Chief Allen

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

ADDITIONS AND/OR AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDAa

The agenda was approved as presented.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No Council Member disclosed a conflict regarding any item on the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Alderman Spain moved to approve the consent agenda containing the regular bill lists for August 7 and 14, 2014; and the City Council minutes for the meeting on August 5, 2014. Alderman Voorhies seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC FORUM/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Joe Behm, CCBID, stated that regarding the contract with Economic Strategies, he was surprised to see the City interested in negotiating with a single entity and would like to see the background of the firm to see if they understand the unique background of Central City and would hope that there will be measureable deliverables.

ACTION ITEMS: NEW BUSINESS

Authorize the City Manager to negotiate a contract with Economic Strategies, LLC

Manager Miera explained that the City is in the process of negotiating a small contract for some grants that have been identified as a resource for the City and that he shares Mr. Behm's interest in the deliverables. This company has already started on putting together what it can do for the City when it was working through CEDA and now would continue that work directly with the City. The

proposed contract will go through 2014 with an actual value under \$25K. Staff will bring back a contract for approval once we see what has been done already and if they can provide what we need.

Alderman Heider asked to have an update on the status of CEDA at an upcoming work session.

Alderman Voorhies moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate and bring back findings and a possible contract with Economic Strategies, LLC. Alderman Heider seconded, and without discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF UPDATES

Utilities/PW Superintendent Griffith reported that the PW crew has been very busy working to remediate a stone wall across from the Red Dolly and another wall across from Green Grass on Gregory.

Manager Miera reported that he has submitted an Endangered Places report for the Belvidere and the Knights of Pythias structures. This program identifies properties in need of renovation. Mayor Engels added that this offers no protection and no money for these structures but it does bring awareness to their condition.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council offered thanks to all the City staff and the PW crew for their management of the rock slide event and all the efforts to reopen in 3 days. Manager Miera added that we have a great staff and they all pulled together last week.

Mayor Engels added a thank you to the assisting agencies for their pro-bono help.

Mayor Engels thanked Joe Behm for his hard work in executing successful events.

PUBLIC FORUM/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Leslie Cady, 312 E 3rd High, offered appreciation for the wonderful job Public Works recently did on some street repair and improvement near her home.

At 7:26 p.m., Mayor Engels adjourned the meeting.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Ronald E. Engels, Mayor

Reba Bechtel, City Clerk